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SUBJ: CARAMANLIS ENDORSES SADAT VIEW OF POSITIVE U.S. ATTITUDE ON CYPRUS

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1. ATHENS PRESS JUNE 4 FEATURED COMMENT GIVEN BY PM CARAMANLIS TO GREEK CORRESPONDENTS TRAVELLING WITH HIM IN YUGOSLAVIA.
ASKED TO COMMENT ON HIS TALK JUNE 3 WITH SADAT (REFTEL)
AND IN PARTICULAR WHAT EGYPTIAN LEADER MEANT BY SAYING THAT THE AMERICANS INTERESTED IN THE CYPRUS ISSUE, CARAMANLIS ANSWERED: "ACCORDING TO PRESIDENT SADAT'S POINT OF VIEW, THE UNITED STATES IS NOW GREATLY INTERESTED IN A JUST AND LOGICAL SOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. THIS IS BECAUSE THEY REALIZE THAT THE PROLONGATION OF THE PROBLEM CREATES DANGERS, WHICH THE UNITED STATES WANTS TO AVERT BY ALL MEANS".

2. ASKED TO GIVE HIS PERSONAL OPINION, MR. CARAMANLIS SAID:
"I AGREE WITH PRESIDENT SADAT'S VIEWS. REPORTS ALLEGING THAT THE UNITED STATES FAVORS A GREEK-TURKISH CONFLICT ARE UNCLASSIFIED

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UNFOUNDED AND UNREASONABLE." HE ADDED THAT "THE CYPRUS

PROBLEM IS COMPLICATED, AND IT WILL HAVE TO PASS THROUGH DIFFICULT PHASES. IN ORDER TO REACH A JUST SOLUTION, WE SHOULD BE COOL AND STEADY."

3. THE ATHENS MORNING PRESS REPORTED THE ABOVE REMARKS BY CARAMANLIS UNDER FRONT PAGE SECONDARY HEADLINES, WHICH WERE AMONG THE MOST POSITIVE, FAVORABLE AND STRAIGHTFORWARD ITEMS ON U.S. POLICY IN SOME MONTHS. KATHIMERINI HEADLINED: "AMERICA TRIES TO AVOID WAR BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY"; TO VIMA'S LEAD WAS :CYPRUS WILL PASS THROUGH DIFFICULT PHASES"; ACROPOLIS: "USA DOES NOT FAVOR GREEK-TURKISH CLASH"; EVEN COMMUNIST AVGHI, MIRABILU DICTU, HEADLINED: "THE AMERICANS WISH A JUST SOLUTION IN CYPRUS".

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